REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-25 are pending in this application. Claims 23 and 24 are rejected. Claims 1, 3-22 and 25 are allowed. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 3-22 and 25. Applicants also submit, for the avoidance of doubt, that the recitation of an "ultrasound system" in the claims is not limited to stand-alone ultrasound imaging machine, but also includes one or more computers or processors, which may be coupled together, and that support the review of ultrasound data. For example, the ultrasound system could represent a network where ultrasound data may be exported to the medium via a hardwired communication link such as a CD ROM writer, or via a wireless communication link, such as a wireless handheld device communicating with the ultrasound system via a wireless protocol. The medium also may be a local drive, for example, a removable physical device or component, or may be a remote device, for example, a mapped drive on a network.

Claims 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 23 as suggested in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 23 and claim 24 (that depends from claim 23) are now allowable and the rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention and all of the pending claims in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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